Sale of timber in the Forest Department.

202. Mr. Ouseph P. Kundukulam.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of contracts given after 1103 M. E. for sale of timber (i) by public auction (ii) by private sale ;

(b) the names of the contractors in (i) and (ii) ;

(c) the price realised per candy for each species of timber in private sale ;

(d) the price realised for each species of timber in public auction ;

(e) whether the Government has incurred any loss by private sale; and if so, who is responsible for the loss ?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—(a) No contracts are given for sale of timber of either kind referred to.

(b) to (e). In view of the reply to above no answer is necessary.

മിസ്റ്റർ ഔസേപ്പ് പി. കുണ്ടുകുളം.—ഫ്രാഞ്ചൈസിന്റെ ശേഷം ഗവർമ്മെണ്ട് ലേലമായൊ കരാറായൊ വില്പന നടത്തുകയുണ്ടായൊ ?

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ ഗോവിന്ദ മേനോൻ.—കരാർ കൊടുത്തിട്ടില്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ ഔസേപ്പ് പി. കുണ്ടുകുളം.—മറ്റു വല്ല വിധത്തിലും വില്പനയുണ്ടായിട്ടുണ്ടൊ?

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ ഗോവിന്ദ മേനോൻ.—അതുണ്ടായിട്ടുണ്ട്.

203. Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether any teak or rosewood logs from Chalakkudi depot have been sold to anybody by private negotiation since the sale of timber by public auction at Chalakkudi on the 10th of Thulam 1104; if so, to whom, and what species of timber, what are the measurements and rates per candy in each species (cases of timber given for Government purposes and by way of free gift by the Government may be given separately)?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—Yes.

1. Headmaster, Government Trades School, Trichur.
   Rosewood 1. 7—17—15—6 @ Rs. 55 a candy.
   Teak 3. 23—23—23—1½ @ Rs. 35 ,,
2. Tramway Engineer.
   Teak 1. 5—15 —3—6 @ Rs. 35 a candy.
3. Manager, Tata Oil Mills.
   Teak under 12 vannams
   8. 20— 1—0—6½ @ Rs. 30 a candy.
4. Mr. C. P. Luiz.
   Rosewood 2. 26—14—4—7½ @ Rs. 45 a candy.

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5. Victoria Reading Room, Irinjalakkuda.
Teak below 12 vannams
4. 13—23—18—14½ @ Rs. 22—6—6 a candy.
Do. 12 and above
2. 4—14— 8— ½ @ Rs. 27—6—6 ,,
6. Station Master, Chalakkudi.
Rosewood toplings
2. 9—15— 7—0 @ Rs. 12 a candy.
7. Loco Foreman, South Indian Railway Company.
Rosewood toplings
1. 2—14 —4—4½ @ Rs. 14 a candy.

There was no free grant after 10th Thulam 1104.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—May I know why these gentlemen referred to in Nos. 3 to 7 did not attend the public auction at the public auction dates?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—I cannot say why they did not attend.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—When there was a public auction on the 10th of Thulam and another in a month's time, what was the necessity for these private sales?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—They wanted timber, of course, and sales were effected.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—By these private sales the object of the public sale will be defeated.

President.—That is a comment on the answer.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—They felt the necessity for timber' is no answer to my question. Was there any other reason for adhering to the private negotiations?

President.—I think you have got the power to sell timber by private negotiation?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—Yes, and the *Code* also allows it.

President.—So that power you exercised?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—Yes.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—May I know whether the House has accepted the resolution of this House that no private sales shall be effected in future?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—No, as far as I know.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—May I know whether the Government informed the Member for Forests about that?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—There was a cut motion passed in this House that timber should be sold by public auction only. It was not accepted by the Government.

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